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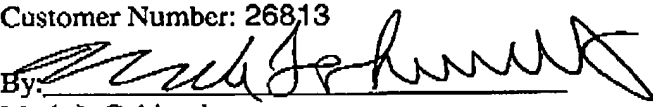
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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the documents listed on the 1449 forms are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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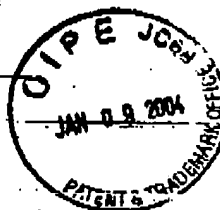
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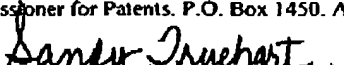
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Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention a U.S. Patent which was listed with an incorrect patent number on a previously submitted 1449 form (filed on 09/02/03). U.S. Patent No. 5,309,434 (Maekawa) was listed incorrectly as U.S. Patent 4,309,433. Applicants believe the correct patent was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 09/02/03, however, for the convenience of the Examiner, the Applicants have enclosed a copy of the correct U.S. Patent 5,309,434.

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Further, applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention, that the source of at least many of the miscellaneous "Product Catalog" pages (24 pages in the first instance and 100 pages in the second instance) listed on page 36 of the previously submitted 1449 appear to be from one or more editions of Jane's Military Communications (e.g., 1988-93) as listed in many of the Prior Art Statements previously submitted from the previously disclosed litigation.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)

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	✓	Data/Voice Internetwork Node. "The Integrated Network". Micom. 6 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT46900-905
	✓	LEWIS JAMES ENTERPRISES, November 29, 1993. Illustration. 1 page. Labeled MT46817
	✓	MICOM Letter (Rev. 10/90). 1 Page. Undated and Labeled MT69478
	✓	MICOM Product Information Sheets. 2 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69479-80.
	✓	MICOM Product Information Sheets. 6 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69481-86.
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	✓	MICOM Brochure. "Warning: There May be an Embezzler in your Company!" Get Marathon and Stop Losing Money. 2 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT46805-06
	✓	MICOM Brochure "Hotline Application Assistance". 4 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69543-46
	✓	MICOM Reports on Data/VOICE Products, Trends and Applications, NETWORKING NEWS, November 1993. "MICOM Announces New DVI Products for Multi-Site Networking". Pages 1-8. Labeled MT46791-800
	✓	MICOM News Release, September 25, 1990 Simi Valley, CA. "Micom Announces the Marathon 5K for Long-Distance Networking". 4 Pages. Labeled MT69474-77.
	✓	MICOM News Release, October 5, 1993. Live at Networld Dallas, Booth #1839. "Multi-Site Integrated Internetworking for Seamless LAN/VOICE/FAX Connectivity, and Industry First". 3 pgs. Labeled MT69518-20.
	✓	MICOM NEWS. Up-Close with Pete Oliver of PremierePage. NETWORK. March/April 1994. 4 Pages. Labeled MT69513-16.
	✓	MICOM Product Sheet. MARATHON 1K "Data/Voice Network Feeder". 1 pg. Undated and Labeled MT69512.
	✓	MICOM Brochure. In the Last Year, Companies like your have saved millions of dollars....Find out How Network Integration can Save you Big Money. 3 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69509-11

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	✓	MICOM Brochure. "Netrunner" 10 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69450, MT69453-61
	✓	MICOM Brochure. "Cell Relay for Sub T1/E1" Data, Voice, Fax and LAN Integration. 2 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69597-98
	✓	MICOM Brochure "MICOM Digital Direct Series T1", Marathon and NetRunner Integration Products. 4 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69591-94
	✓	MICOM Brochure, "Software Release 5.0" Voice, Fax, Data, LAN Integration. 2 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69595-96
	✓	MICOM Brochure, "NetRunner Integration Routers" The Next Step in Multiprotocol Routing. 17 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69576-601
	✓	MICOM General Price List Domestic, December 1993. Labeled MT47070-88
	✓	MICOM - Marathon - Remote LAN Bridge User's Manual. Model 5000RLB/3, Stock No. 800-1768-30. Rev. A. June 1993. Labeled MT68881-69000
	✓	MICOM Brochure. A New Era of Wide Area Networking. "Free Voice and Fax Over Low-Cost Wans". 11 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69850-60
	✓	MICOM Applications Guide. "Integrated Networking Over Low Cost Wans". 1991 MICOM Communications Corporation. Labeled MT69774-804
	✓	MICOM Brochure. "Voice over Frame Relay". 4 Pages. Undated and Labeled MT69805-08

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	✓	MICOM. Marathon. A Data/Voice Network Server. Network Management System Module User's Manual. Stock Number 800-1748, Rev. C. December 1991. Labeled MT69287-332
	✓	MICOM. Marathon 5K. A Data/Voice Network Server. Startup Guide. Stock Number 800-1745, Rev. B. December 1991. Labeled MT64696-64793
	✓	MICOM. Marathon 5K. A Data Voice Network Server. Users Manual. Stock Number 800-1705, Rev. A. January 1991. Labeled MT69001-69282 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fax Addendum. Stock Number 801-1705-101, Rev. A. January 1991. Labeled MT69283-86
	✓	PRODUCT WATCH, "Micom Leads in the Multiport Bridging Race", 16. HP Professional. 1 page. Undated and Labeled MT46656
	✓	Netrunner Shoots High and Low. LAN COMPUTING, 16. September 1993, 1 page. Labeled MT-69602
	✓	Busse. "Marathon Integrates Traffic" Voice, fax, and LAN data can be sent over one line. April 19, 1993 Infoworld. Labeled MT06141
	✓	Csenger. NETWORK WORLD. "Micom boosts voice compression, adds fax feature to muxes". November 7, 1994. 1 page. Labeled MT46914
	✓	Feltman. "A Free Ride for Data". April 1994 LAN Magazine. Pgs. 67-77. Labeled MT69895
	✓	Guy. "Rapid Relay Technology". The Foundation of MICOM's Data/Voice Network Servers and Data/Voice Internetwork Nodes. Undated and Labeled MT69809-41

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